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ROBERTS' ABLE SPEECH

Against the Fed Drew Out an Immense Audience Who Were Held Spellbound by Utah's Greatest Orator for More Than Two Hours.

The woman suffrage clause goes in the constitution.

The long debate closed yesterday with a masterly speech against suffrage by Hon. B. Roberts, who held his audience from 10:45 until 12:45 and hardly one stirred from the uncomfortable positions in which the great majority of the listeners had to stand or sit. He was applauded frequently, notwithstanding the admonitions of the chair, and seemed to carry his audience with him.

At the close of the speech the vote was taken on Elchorn's substitute for a separate article. Only 29 voted for it. The vote for woman suffrage in the constitution was overwhelming. The constitution makers are now discussing the advisability of passing a resolution to the effect that "all the citizens of the United States over the age of 21 years, who have resided in Utah for one year next prior to such election are hereby authorized to vote on the ratification, or rejection of this constitution." This is with a view of course to allow the women to vote on the ratification or rejection of the constitution.

Before Roberts spoke Whitney made some explanatory remarks, saying that he had been misunderstood and grossly misrepresented in his reference to women of the Mormon church voting to elect Roberts to an ecclesiastical position. He said that his remarks were intended only to exemplify his point, that the right of consent is an inherent right, possessed by every human being; that it existed before governments were formed, before constitutions were heard of; that it is a right which women ought to enjoy and exercise.

Raleigh of Salt Lake got in a little speech for suffrage.

In opening Roberts devoted some time to explaining why in his course and in all that he has said and done he has not been either disrespectful or inattentive to his constituents; that the woman suffrage plank of the democratic territorial platform was in no way binding upon him.

Answering Evans, Roberts proved that Evans had not answered arguments but had absolved him (Roberts) from any blame, for Evans concluded his speech by saying that if he was conscientiously opposed to woman suffrage, no party platform would stand in his way in opposing it; if he believed that suffrage would degrade women, no party platform would prevent him from opposing it. "So I take it that in the opinion of that gentleman, since I am of the opinion that it would be injurious to the state and degrading to woman, I am absolved."

Referring to some remarks made by Wells who "wondered in his soul how it was that any body who had lived under the gentle sway of Victoria, queen of England, should object to women voting in this country," Roberts said that the gentleman overlooked what are well known to be the facts of history, and what he knows to be the facts of history, if he would but take a second thought of it. Queen Victoria, however worthy the lady may be, is not, nor has any king or queen of England for 300 years, been the ruler of that country. Queen Victoria is but a figurehead. Against Queen Victoria spoken of so eloquently by Mr. Wells, I put the queens of the White House, enfranchised, it is true, and uncrowned. And yet they have every reason to be proud that Victoria upon her throne; because their positions grow out of the fact that there is behind the husband, by whose side they stand, intellect, ability, force of character, that have been recognized by their fellow citizens, and she has cast an influence upon his efforts, she has lent courage to him in the hours of darkness, and the glory is not his, but they share it together and the enfranchised wives of presidents in this United States have reason to be more proud than those who come to places of honor simply by the accidents of birth.

Replying to Whitney, Roberts, after returning with elegant taste and keenest sarcasm Whitney's "roast," he said: "I am aware and so is this convention, from positive declarations made upon the floor of this house, that there are men here whose actions run one way and their convictions another. Whenever I see men occupying that equivocal position, I have some misgivings in my own mind as to the result of their action under such circumstances. And when men would come to me and speak their fears and tell me of their convictions being against this and yet they were bound down by those ill-considered party pledges and were going to do something for the people which they believed would work an injury to the people and to the coming state, I brand all such with cowardice, and they may make the most of it."

"The next complaint of the gentleman was that I was too harsh, too severe in the course of my argument in reference to the ladies. The line of my argument was this. In public life, mingling in political strife, partaking of the bitterness which is injected into politics, coming in primaries, struggling through the mass of men that surround the ballot boxes upon election days that women expose themselves to gibes and jests, which, if they could but hear, would bring the blush of shame to their cheeks. In support of the proposition, I read what dispatches said of the meeting held by the board of lady managers of the Chicago World's fair, and pointed out the fact

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that these women were among the first and most intelligent of all our land, and it coming together in a public hall to engage in the management of the affairs of an institution of that kind would bring about such shameful scenes as were there enacted, and if the dispatches that I read relative to women in politics from Kansas and other parts were true, its whole tendency is degrading to woman and it is the part of wisdom for women to keep separate and apart from such places and such embroilments, so they might not become the subject of the jests and gibes of low down characters whose mouths you can not stop.

"That was the trend of my argument, and I produced the evidence of it. The ladies frowned, their valiant supporters looked displeased. All I have to say is that if I was unkind, it was the unkindness of the surgeon who cuts into the human flesh, not to wound, but to heal. And sir, I take it that it is time that someone should point out to woman, even if it does bring to her face the frown of displeasure, that she is in danger of sacrificing that which is dearer than the ballot to every sensitive woman, that sensitiveness of soul and the high regard of men, which ever goes with womanhood."

THE DISPATCH regrets that it cannot reproduce in its entirety the noble speech; it would like to give a few more of the many telling points clothed in Mr. Roberts' own charming language, but it has to forego that pleasure.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

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HOT AND RACY.

Ogden is "Frenzied Women Suffrage and Her Ladies are Disrupted With Their First Lesson in Politics."

OGDEN, April 2.—In pursuance to a call of the chairman of the democratic and republican central committees, a mass convention of the people of Weber county met at the city hall this evening.

Judge Boreman presided, with the assistance of the party chairmen, and all three of them were unable at times to control the proceedings. It was a well attended meeting, the large hall being crowded to suffocation.

The object of the meeting, as stated, was to take some action whereby an expression of the people could be ascertained as to whether woman suffrage should be submitted as a separate article or not. Messrs. Evans, Peyton, Rhodes, Whipple, Stanford, Henderson, Allison, Weber, Bagley, and others addressed the meeting. Several motions were made, but finally a motion to table all the motions previously made was adopted. Then a motion was made to condemn the action of the constitutional convention in passing woman suffrage, and this motion came near passing, as the temper of the meeting was such that a very strong anti-suffrage sentiment was apparent and was inclined to act rashly.

This motion was finally sidetracked by a motion to adjourn; some of the audience were for adjournment, but the majority voted the other way.

Judge Boreman, however, declared the meeting adjourned.

Instantly another meeting was called, Judge Weber taking the chair, and as the meeting had cooled down, better judgment prevailed and in a few minutes the following resolutions were adopted unanimously:

"Resolved, That we, the people of Weber county, irrespective of party or religion, in mass convention assembled, declare it to be the sense of this convention that the woman suffrage proposition be not inserted in the constitution proper, but that it be submitted as a separate and distinct article."

"That we respectfully urge our delegates to the convention to use their best endeavors to secure action agreeable to and in accordance with these resolutions, and in doing so they need not feel that they are doing violence to their party pledge."

The speeches were, at times, hot and racy.

Judge Rhodes precipitated a debate, which led to personalities which involved Mr. Evans and the chairman of the parties who had called the convention.

Some pointed arguments were made and while a large majority present were opposed to suffrage for women, there was a goodly number in favor of it.

On the whole it was what may be termed a wild and woolly meeting, and a great many ladies went away disgusted with their first lesson in political methods.

ARMOUR'S POOR RELATIONS.

The Big Packer Tells a Funny Story About One He Hasn't Made Rich.

It has been a matter of current report for years among board of trade men that Phil Armour has no poor relations, says a Chicago newspaper man. "He will not allow any of them to remain poor," a veteran of the board remarked by way of explanation of this unusual good fortune of a rich man. "He makes them all rich."

"I have heard that story before," Mr. Armour remarked, with a smile, when one of his friends asked him about it the other day. "But it's a mistake. I have enough of them."

Then the big packer burst out in a laugh, and his friends knew a good story was coming.

"One of the poor kind—he lives down in Illinois—is one of the most persistent men I ever knew. He keeps writing and writing for money all the time. He is not a bad fellow, only imprudent, and if he displayed the same energy in attending to business that he does in writing to me he would have been rich a long time ago. Well, he kept sending one letter after another, saying that if he only had \$500 he would be all right. He repeated this so often that one day I told my secretary to send a letter saying that if he would bother me for a year I would send him \$500."

"Well, sir," and Mr. Armour's sides shook with laughter, "as soon as the mails could bring a reply I got it. He said, 'Make it \$1,000 and two years,' and I thought it was such a clever turn that I sent the money."

"What happened next?"

"In about three months he wrote again, saying the agreement was off because his wife hadn't been included."

Mr. Armour seemed to think the whole thing was a great joke and especially enjoyed the shrewdness of his poor relation.

MEN HAVE "FUNNY WAYS" TOO.

A Woman, on Behalf of Her Sex, Asks Some Unanswerable Questions.

The little peculiarities of women are a fruitful topic with some masculine writers. They continually rush into print with such questions as: Why does a woman always want to know if her hat is on straight? Why does she keep waiting 10 minutes after she's declared she's all ready? Why does she do this, that and the other? Here's a counter blast from a woman writer: Why does a man always have lengthened and often profane interviews with his collar button? It looks like an inoffensive sort of an article to an outsider. Why does he rush through his dressing and throw everything all over the room because he's in such a hurry—he "knows he'll be late"—and then spend a good five minutes filling and lighting his pipe? Why does he never put together and fold up a newspaper? Why, when a pretty girl praises another man's "charming manners," does he say the girl is "soft"? Why does he declare that handsome and popular young actors are "sticks"? Why can he never, by any possibility, find anything he is sent to look for in a closet or drawer? Why is his headache or toothache so much worse than anybody else's ever was? Why is it always his liver that does not work instead of the Welsh rabbit and mince pie that have worked? Why will he go out after a rain without overshoes and then preach about the vanity of women? Why does it rain too hard to go to church, but not too hard to go to a dinner or theater or club on any succeeding stormy day? Why does he suppose, when he notes women's "funny ways," that women are not at the same time noticing his own funny ways?—New York Journal.

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